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Seeking to Discredit Illinois

When an enemy cannot destroy a Union, the next best thing is to create discord and division and thus weaken its power for good.

It is this which the enemy is trying to do in the interest of its preservation the Illinois miners would demand that the system bomb squad be sent to the mines where their service is desperately needed and should the demand fail of success they should be dismissed, for the enemy would be.

The Illinois miners will pay dearly if they allow themselves to be divided by their evil propaganda.

These unscrupulous lawyers are working subtly and insidiously to discredit the officers of the Illinois Miners Union and to win favor for Lewis and aided by him they are disseminating information lies about the present wages and district elections and the administration of district elections past and present and by their vicious activities they are doing everything possible to cause the miners to feel against the district officers.

In a new article which will be told about these international opportunists the motive behind their activities and something about organized elections. The story will not be about Illinois elections but it will be predicated upon the records so all may see the evidence of corruption if they choose to look.

Those who are disgraced over the terms of the Illinois Wage Agreement should turn to Ohio and there what has happened to the Ohio miners since their Union was created.

Recently one of the largest coal companies in Ohio issued notices saying that effective as of June 1st, 1933, the wages paid at the mines of that company would be as follows:

Inside Day Labor
Motormen

\$4.00

Drivers	4.00
Boiling Cagers	4.00
Track Layers	4.00
Timbermen	4.00
Engineers on Coal Gathering Locomotives	4.00
Fire Men on Handing Locomotives	3.50
Water Haulers	3.50
Machine Haulers	3.50
Track Layers, Hoists	3.50
Timbermen, Hoists	3.50
Blacksmiths	2.50
Carpenters	2.40
Coppers and Greasers	2.40
All other inside day labor	3.00
Rock cutting by the day	4.00
Overhauling Locomotives	
Fire Blacksmiths	2.50
Machine Blacksmiths	1.00
Blacksmiths, Hoists	1.50
Carpenters	1.50
Coppers (10 per cent)	3.50
Timbermen	3.50
Engineers on C. & C. Coal Lamp Cars	3.50
Fire Cages (On track or cars)	3.50
Coppers and Greasers	2.50
Watchmen	1.00
All other outside day labor (except boys)	2.20
Cutting and Loading	
Cutting in rooms (Max type shortwall)	1.00
Cutting in entries as above and extra per yard	10
Hand drilling, shooting and loading in rooms	45
Hand drilling, shooting and loading in entries	
5 feet wide, as above, and extra per yard	50
Hand drilling, shooting and loading in entries	
10 feet wide, as above, and extra per yard	55
All work over 10 feet considered rooms	

The management of the mine, the direction of the

working force and the right to hire and discharge are vested exclusively in the operator.

The above is the wage scale generally paid in Ohio, with the exception of a few small companies, employing a handful of men who were signed up on a \$5.00 per day basis with Lewis' full knowledge and approval.

In addition to the niggardly wages paid, the Ohio Mine Owners are now forcing applicants for employment to submit to physical examination and only the strong and alert employed.

A Warning of Danger

For thirty years this company operated under Union conditions and paid exactly the same wages as were paid in Illinois, but Lewis' obstinate refusal to accept action forced the Ohio Mine Owners to operate non-union with the result shown.

Sincere and courageous leadership could have averted this and would have saved the Ohio Miners' Union and saved them their present degradation.

Lewis had ample warning of the danger. The warning came to the attention of the Jacksonville Agreement. He was told by the officers that not a single mine owner in Ohio was paying the Jacksonville rate and the mine owners were constantly suing for terms that would enable them to continue operating on a union basis.

But, no! Lewis would take no backward step, and he stubbornly and rapidly held them to an impossible position until they were bowed over backward, head to heels, by economic forces that no human agency could overcome, and now with the Union wrecked the Ohio miners are obliged to accept whatever wages the mine owners choose to pay.

For downright blundering, mad, unreasoning, stupid, destructive and disloyal leadership, Lewis' action is never equaled by any leader in the history of American labor.

now paying a terrible price for his reprehensible stupidity and destructive leadership and they will continue to do so for many long years after he has passed out of the picture.

The Illinois Miners will do well not to forget that it is not long since the Ohio miners were just as solidly and strongly organized as they now are, and they will also do well to guard themselves against the one who wrecked the Ohio Miners' Union as it is not impossible to do the same thing in Illinois.

Moreover, those who are displeased with the Illinois wage agreement should compare it with the wages paid in Western Kentucky where the outside day wage scale is \$2.55 and the inside wage range is \$3.17 to \$3.49 per

When Lewis was first appointed to the position of President of the Miners' Union, Western Kentucky had a District Union of 45,000 members, who were working under standard union wages, conditions and honest, competent leadership. This has meant a continuation of

A Trail of Wreckage and Misery

It is of record that the President of the Kentucky Miners beseeched Lewis to allow a policy that would have saved this district from destruction and he was publicly branded as a traitor by Lewis and his henchmen.

Lewis had his way and now the Kentucky Miners have a Union of 16 members and a wage scale that is a crime against decent standards.

Thus it has been throughout the entire jurisdiction of what was once the matchless Miners' Union, with the exception of Illinois, and Lewis is now working insidiously to make the inside of that District

No man, however powerful, has brought so much harm to the miners and the labor movement of America as has Lewis.

He has left a trail of wreckage, havoc,

chaos, misery and woe and poverty. Distress and despair is sure to follow and be the lot of millions of defenseless men, women and children.

Some may ask what is the motive behind this expose of the havoc caused by Lewis?

There is no motive other than a desire to warn the Illinois Miners to be on their guard against the one who caused the havoc and who is now trying to win their favor by false pretension and who, by the same sinking means is trying to regain the lost confidence of the Illinois Miners by destroying their confidence in others who are earnestly working to protect their interest and save their Union from the deadly influence that has destroyed every other District in the soft coal fields of the country.

No matter how bad others may be surely there is nothing in this mountebank's record that should convince him to any one but a Union Wrecking Agency and if the Illinois Miners allow themselves to be duped by his character tricks they certainly will pay grand opera prices for their folly.

True to their usual practice Lewis and his sycophantic henchmen will try to discount and discredit this recital of his devastating leadership by spewing a lot of venom on the author, but that will be aside from the question and will be answered when they do; but the Illinois miners should not allow anyone to divert their attention nor to delude them by drawing a red herring over the trail.

The question is: did Lewis wreck the United Mine Workers of America?

The records and the deplorable plight of the mine workers of the country prove he did and his indictable acts will stand and live when it comes to the question of what the character of the man is and what the facts may be.

To leave the author to be a screen for the Union Wrecking Agency is the subject of the United Mine Workers and the District Councils the question is: what the Illinois Miners should be on their guard against.

"Illinois Miners Be On Your Guard"

MY ATTENTION is directed to the fact that certain organizers representing the International Union of the United Mine Workers of America are diligently working among the Illinois miners, and particularly those in Franklin County, in an endeavor to discredit the district leaders and to win favor for John L. Lewis.

This poison bomb squad is using my name in connection with their evil propaganda and is resorting to the circulation of some malicious lies in order to cause distrust and division.

They are using evil fantastic stories that have no basis in fact about my activities with regard to securing the repeal of the agreement about territorial district elections and about the conduct of the district affairs, past and present.

Considering that they have connected my name with their destructive activities, I feel it is my right to speak and expose them and that it is my duty to do what I can to warn the Illinois miners to be on their guard.

They are not doing me any harm, but it is possible for them to harm the Illinois miners. I have a check on this and I am determined to do my best to prevent it.

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Illinois Miners, and that I could do the Illinois Operators more good by continuing as president of the miners, than I could if I went to work for the Peabody Coal Company, and I told him I would rather be at home fighting for the miners than to be over there among the Frogs and Wops.

Lewis made much ado over this letter when it got into his hands and he placed an interpretation upon it that in his heart he knew was not intended, and made it appear that during the years I served as president of the Illinois Miners, I was acting as a stool-pigeon and spy for the Illinois operators.

In his craven heart he knew that when I said "I could do the operators more good by continuing as president of the Miners," that I meant that by continuing in that position I could do more toward bringing about a workable wage agreement that would enable the operators to sell their coal in competition with non-union coal, and thereby give the miners some work, than I could if I went to work for the Peabody Coal Company.

If while acting as president of the Illinois Miners, I was playing the part of a spy for the operators, Peabody would not have paid me \$25,000.00 per year for three years to get me out of that position. Instead, if that were the case, he would have paid me the amount stated to continue as president as long as my usefulness as a spy would end when I gave up the presidency.

Any simpleton ought to be able to see that.

There is another angle to this matter that requires some explanation from Lewis.

How Did Lewis Get Letter?

How did he get the letter?

Peabody would not and has not told me.

He told me Lewis rifled his office files and got it, but that is not the truth.

That story is too flimsy for even an idiot to believe.

How did Lewis get the letter?

Surely it does not rest on those who stop to think that there must have been an intimate relationship between Lewis and Peabody and a rather close friendship between the two to get rid of me as president of the Illinois Miners' Union, or else Lewis could not have secured the letter from Peabody.

Stop and figure it out for yourself.

How did Lewis get the letter if Peabody did not give it him?

If I was a spy for Peabody why did he conspire with Lewis to get me out as president of the Illinois Miners?

Who were the operators afraid of—Lewis or me?

My record as president of the Illinois Miners stands without a blemish.

The accomplishments of my administration and the institutions created during twelve years of my supervision still stand as a monument to my efforts.

Why Organizers in Illinois?

I did the work that was mine as faithfully and as well as I knew how, and I did it myself, and I fought my own fight as best I could, notwithstanding much opposition to the contrary, and the institutions created latterly and largely under my supervision, is the only one of many others to withstand the heavy blows of Lewis' leadership, and there are holes of the weakness or frailty of treachery in its construction. Had there been it would have fallen with the rest.

Illinois has no service for an International Organizer to perform. Other districts need their service badly. There are hundreds of thousands of disorganized miners elsewhere, but none in Illinois.

Why are organizers assigned to work in Illinois while other districts are neglected?

Why are they telling the Illinois Miners that the
new wage agreement was fixed up by Farrington and
Lewis and that Lewis was opposed to a wage reduc-

tion? Why are they saying district elections are corrupted?
Why are they saying your district officials are
crooked and that everything connected with the adminis-
tration of district affairs is rotten?

Why are they saying Lewis is going to clean house
for the Illinois Miners?

And why did Lewis recently issue a public statement
saying that the wholesale buying of votes and the cor-
ruption of district elections must be stopped?

Why is Lewis whispering around that there was
something grossly wrong with the defense of the men
who were indicted and arrested over the trouble at the
Lester Strain Mine several years ago?

What's Lewis' True Champion of Rights?

And why are his foot-flicking lackeys muttering and
mumbling about that again?

The answer is obvious.

Some months ago Lewis was bitterly despised and right-
fully scorned by fully 95 per cent of the Illinois Mine
workers.

Something must be done to win their favor and re-
store their confidence in him.

His work was one of destruction. There was noth-
ing in his program that would commend him to them
or cause them to rally to his support.

There was but one thing to do.

First he must be pulled down as he could be built up.

The organizers start out to do the pulling down.

They begin to discredit the district officials by mak-
ing the members believe in a number of stealing elections
and the district members losing the district treasury and

betraying the membership in every possible way and then at the opportune time, or when enough members have been deceived by the poison bomb squad, Lewis will appear as the Simon Pure Champion of Right, the relentless Nemesis of all evil-doers, and the one, and the only one, who will protect the membership against the vicious assaults of their district officials and when that time arrives the Illinois Miners will have many reasons to regret their folly.

Lewis, himself, is peddling a grotesque lie about some gross transgression that occurred in connection with the defense of the men who were indicted for alleged participation in the trouble at the Lester Strip Mine, several years ago, and about what a terrible exposure he is going to make in that connection.

The story he is telling is but a vicious and preposterous lie that is easily susceptible of being disproved by records on file in the district office, but that makes no difference to Lewis.

Criticism Springs from Envy

When told to the uniform, the story is harmful to those involved and creates more or less confusion in the minds of most of those who hear it. In the minds of those who do not know Lewis and his penchant for telling lies and who, of course, is his motive.

In truth, the story is the result of a malicious and envious nature.

The success of the District Organization in defending these men, without his aid in any manner whatever, was an achievement so much so that anything he has even said for the Miners Union can not bear to stand a victory stand without doing so. He can to do

Organized Labor never has a real victory until when the complete acquittal of the men was secured and the leader of the Organization was able to

through a more nerve-racking ordeal than did the one who sponsored their defense.

I truly believe Lewis would rather some of these men had been imprisoned for life or hanged, rather than have victory as the outcome, and there are some who think that the reason he is now circulating his vicious and preposterous lies, is because of the hope that he may yet be able to bring that about.

Chief of the poison bomb squad is one Hefferly, erstwhile vice president of the Illinois Miners' Union under this author, until he decided to run for president.

When overwhelmingly defeated in the election, true to form, he charged fraud, but never in the courts of the Union where he could be made to answer his charge.

Following this, Lewis tied a feed-bag on his nose by appointing him as an International Organizer, for no reason other than because he was opposed to this author.

No Part In Wage Fight

While acting as vice president and under the decent influence of his official associates Hefferly showed signs of developing into a man, but he truly said that "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," nor can you make a man out of a shunk. So it was not long until he fell back into his old natural trouble-making ways, and he made an ideal organizer.

If you do not believe this, is a sky scraper to him to let you smell his breath. You will be easily convinced, unless you were a genuine fool.

As for the story of these corrupt practices, the part told in many of the present day papers, there is not a word of truth in it.

I know nothing whatever of the matter. That, know me, and the author of the Lewis charges the agreement that he praised the members of the Miners' Union for making it, and told them there was nothing in it.

36	Simpson	242	2
61	Forrest City	287	7
131	Old Forge	225	
213	Scranton	685	13
286	Dupont	1134	3
311	Plymouth	255	2
406	Wanamie	890	
490	Shickshinny	376	
623	Wilkesbarre	362	
727	Wilkesbarre	451	37
838	Nanticoke	271	1
844	Carbondale	650	43
870	Plymouth	288	7
877	Carbondale	387	2
879	Dinmore	391	1
989	Nanticoke	835	1
991	Taylor	750	8
957	Glen Lyon	425	
996	Wilkesbarre	399	1
1005	Jessup	401	4
1026	Jermyn	873	38
1036	Miners	514	21
1132	East Plymouth	939	1
1581	Extra Boro Pittston	1048	47
1649	Scranton	489	2
1682	Archibald	780	1
2436	Peely	1155	9

Twenty total unions in District No. 5, Pennsylvania, voted as follows:

A. H. No.	Location	Votes	Cases
		Lewis	Brown
73	Liberty	62	
62	Scranton	140	
72	Scranton	21	
797	Scranton	270	
820	Scranton	490	
844	Scranton	170	

878	Broughton	190	6
1108	Ellsworth	107	1
1188	Lawrence	58	---
1722	Carrick	40	---
2025	Jacobs Creek	149	3
2108	Presto	290	3
2148	Elizabeth	130	1
2147	Morgan	234	5
2148	Bellevue	158	3
2368	Castle Shannon	458	19
2568	Cuddy	643	---
3808	Russellton	491	8
3718	Indianola	375	5
5688	Imperial	60	1

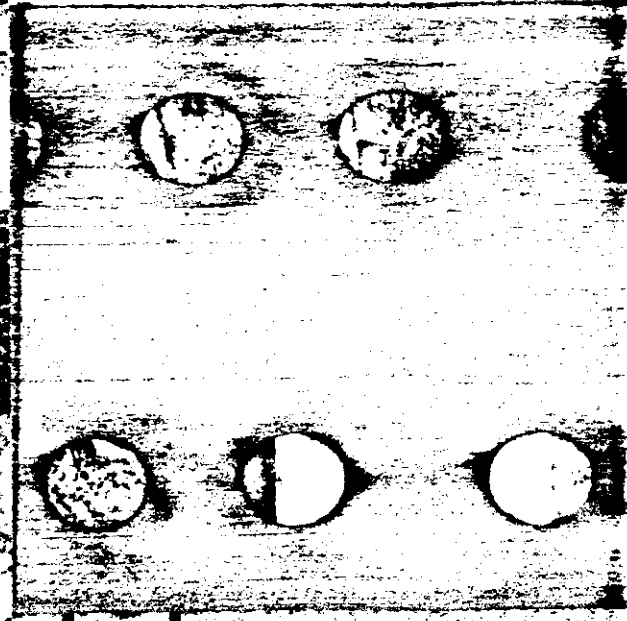
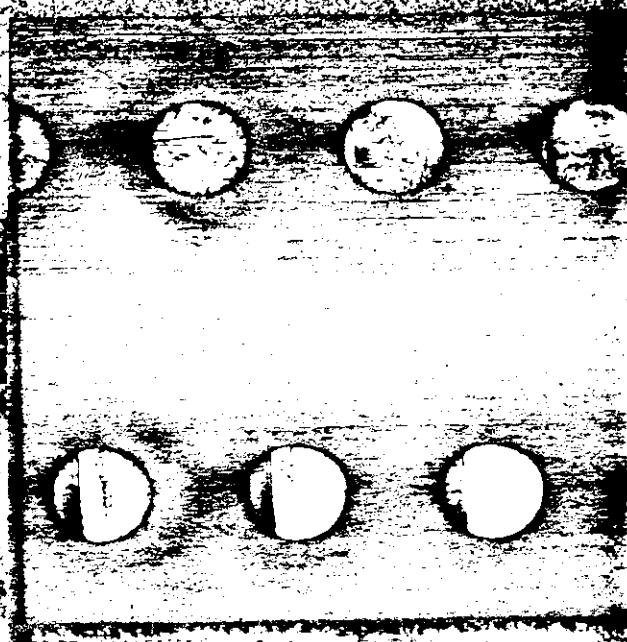
Twenty local unions in District No. 7, Pennsylvania
voted as follows:

L. U. No.	Location	Votes Cast	
		Lewis	Brophy
888	Freeland	70	---
888	Hazleton	275	---
1488	West Hazleton	119	2
1488	Hazleton	308	---
1507	Shary	401	2
1518	Jeddo	543	41
1518	Freeland	631	14
1521	Upper Lehigh	247	---
1527	Shopton	210	---
1538	Coaldale	821	3
1571	Tamaqua	1028	---
1572	Lehigh	700	7
1668	Freeland	168	---
1718	Lansburg	318	---
1738	Lansburg	408	---
1908	Beaver Meadow	510	---
2477	Jeddo	348	1
5828	York Glendon	387	---
2887	Freeland	128	---
4004	Coaldale	58	---

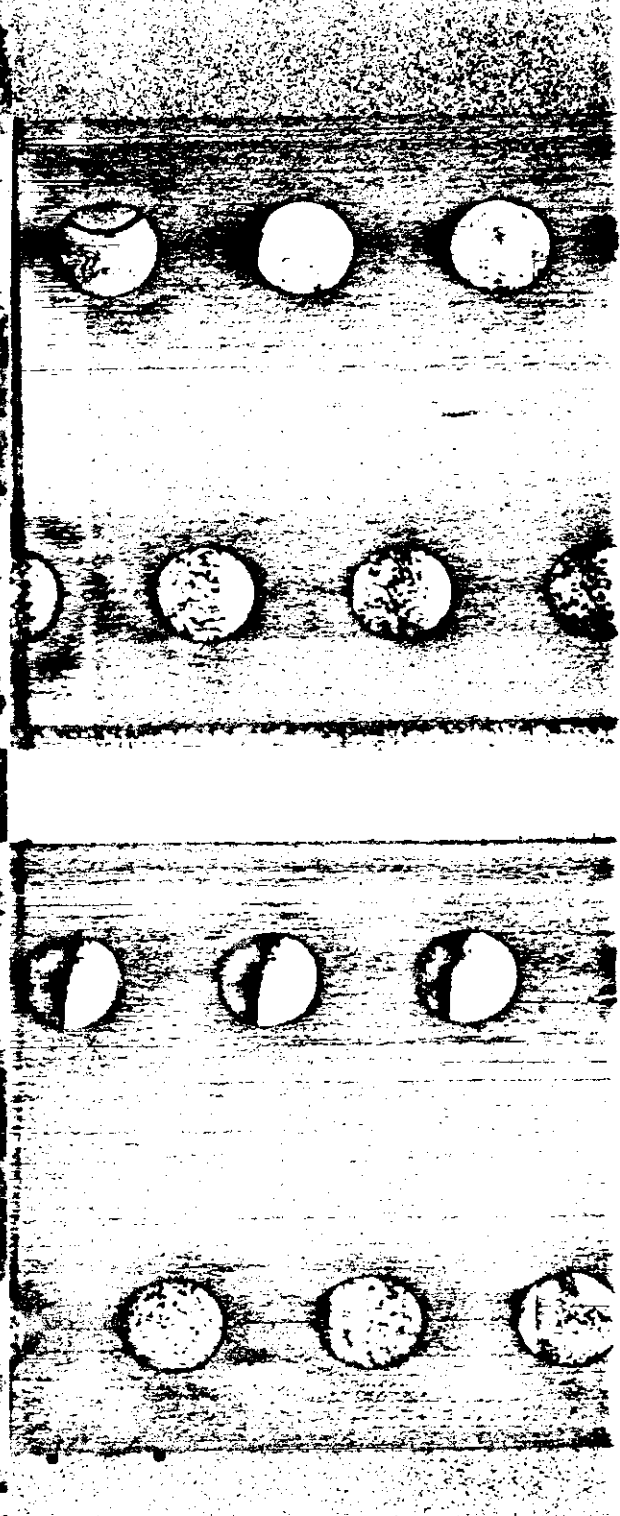
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5/19/91	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
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5/21/91	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5/22/91	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
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6/3/91	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
6/4/91	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
6/5/91	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
6/6/91	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
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of appointment by Lewis, by the world-renowned, military genius and champion vote-getter of the world, Colonel Samuel Pascoe of Illinois, who in return for favors extended and to make the feed-bag secure, turns in a rousing vote for Lewis each election year.

The Colonel's Arduous Duties

The Colonel's duties are arduous, indeed, as must be the duties of one who is obliged to vote for 2687 1/2 dead men every two years. One of less rugged constitution than his, would surely succumb to the rigors of his many duties, but being of a self-sacrificing disposition the Colonel has consented, due to the instructions of his superior, to leave his multiplicity of duties long enough to tell the Illinois Miners how badly they are cheated in their district elections, and he is now so engaged. But the Ashland miners may rest assured that he will return to his regular post in ample time to cast their votes in the next International election, should they be needed to overcome the vote of some presumptuous person who has the vanity to aspire to his superior's position, as president of the Miners' Union.

Just a glance at the vote, as shown above and as taken from the records of the International Union should suffice to convince the Illinois Miners who it is the guilty of corrupting elections, as well as proving to show how utterly impossible it is to defeat Lewis for the presidency of their Union.

Voting Abandoned

These votes were recorded by International Miners and sent into International Headquarters by mail and there are hundreds of abandoned local unions that could be used in just this way.

These records were as pure as Chris and as Lewis as the records of Lewis. That the Illinois Miners would not vote for him with the same unanimity as the records show is a pity for Lewis and the Miners for

office who would be the beneficiary of such palpable fraud and then babble about clean elections, is a cheat and a mountebank of the worst kind.

Any man worthy of the presidency of the Miners' Union or any man of probity or that is worthy of the miners' confidence would spurn an election accomplished by such means, and any union that condones such things is bound to perish of its own corruption.

The time is present for the Illinois Miners to act in defense of their Union.

It is the only protection they have against niggardly wages and degraded working conditions and Lewis' unscrupulous agents are creating dissension and division in their ranks and placing their Union in jeopardy. Its solidarity is endangered and its power for good is being weakened by their vicious activities.

This is not a condition to be lightly regarded by the Illinois Miners, as it means that they, their homes and their dependents are threatened with disaster.

Act Before Too Late

In the interest of their homes and their dependents they should act before it is too late. They have overtaken with the same fatal disaster which has overtaken the miners in Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania, and South and the Southwest where the Union has disintegrated and perished under Lewis' greedy leadership.

This is no time for delay.

Every loyal member should remember the lesson of the past and think of himself as a member of the Union of today. The same Lewis, six months ago, was a loyal member. He should remember the lesson of the past and not let a scamp do what he can to ruin the Union.

Do not be deceived by the revolutionaries who are here now. Support your district organization. Do not let your district union be taken over by any other organization. Do not let it disintegrate.

Help to hold up their hands; aid them in their work; drive out the trouble-makers; hold your Union intact; do not allow anyone to use it for a political football, nor to satisfy selfish purposes!

Remember that in your Union is your only hope for a better home and a happier life for you, and those who are dear to you, and that without it, or if it is weakened by dissension and division, you and they will surely sink to the depth of poverty and despair.

Your duty is a solemn one, neglect it and you perish with the rest who just yesterday was as strong as you are today.

Autocratic Power Over Miners' Union

THE incumbent President of the United Mine Workers of America has arrogated the power of an autocrat.

No feudal lord ever ruled his vassals with less consideration for their welfare than Lewis has ruled the Miners' Union and that once peerless institution is now writhing in the throes of death because of his despotic rule.

No institution of freemen could survive the havoc of his tyrannical conduct. Every semblance of constitutional rule is arrogantly brushed aside if needs be to enable him to reach his objective. It is his practice to ruthlessly sweep aside all those who oppose his will.

One of his most potent weapons is to strike down constitutional government as created by the miners for their protection and to set up a so-called "provisional government" in its place.

In this manner he is able to ignore and frustrate every officer that speaks out against his rule and properly elected and duly elected officers who have the courage to oppose him. He has been able to remove from office all those who are personally selected and who are accountable to him, and he has appointed those who are accountable to him.

It is inevitable that this would result in great harm to the Union. The only way to control the union is by the autocratic rule of a few.

With the knowledge of their hearts and the knowledge of their hands, the miners are being swept into the arms of the autocrat.

some trumped up charge of his own fabrication, as he has done, and appoint "provisional officers" in their places and set up a "provisional government" in their respective districts if they oppose his will, men cannot be free to express their honest opinions on matters of Union policy if their opinions be opposed to his.

There could be no more harmful, evil condition than this: Through the exercise of this arrogant, autocratic power, instead of being free agents with opinions of their own and the courage to express what to them is the best policy for the Union to adopt to protect the interests of the membership, the Executive Officers are made to be a lot of cringing, fearful figureheads, who, with servile alacrity, defer to Lewis' opinions because of the dread that he will remove them from office if they oppose him and the sequel to this condition, the Union is deprived of the benefit of the sounding of the wisdom and opinions of all the executive officers and is thus forced to accept the decisions of one man. These agencies have wrecked the Union. It is time to stop this.

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what Lewis must answer for while the three Sub-District
committees answer for their transgression.

Therefore, it is to be hoped that the miners
will think things over for themselves and that
they will not be duped by the fanfare about how
Lewis hunts down the crooks and perhaps be-
cause of their deception, place their confidence
where it does not belong.

The miners should not be deceived or tricked by the
drives and false smoothings of the paid agents of Lewis
nor by Lewis himself, but they should search for the
truth and then think and think long and soberly, and
then set on a way that will protect their union and thus
their homes and those whom they cherish, and then they
should place their confidence with those whom their sober
judgment tells them are doing the very best they can to
protect their interest; and the miners should co-operate
openly and actively with those whom they believe are
doing this to the end that their Union may be solidified
and made strong against the trouble makers and those
who seek to divide it with internal dissension and harm-
ful strife.

The Illinois Miners' Union is very close to
disaster and upon the Illinois miners depends
whether or not it goes over the knuckle into the
dark hole along with the rest of the district
unions in the soft coal fields of continued strong
and indestructible against all assaults.

Lewis was without any constitutional authority to
strike at Sub-District No. 2 in the manner he did.

What his motive is, only he knows, but the miners
should be on their guard.

Section No. 2, Article No. 3, of the Constitution of
the International Union, United Mine Workers of Amer-
ica reads as follows:

"All districts, sub-districts and local unions

must be chartered by and shall be under the jurisdiction of and subject to the laws of the International Union and rulings of the International Executive Board. Charters can be revoked only by the International President, whose action shall be subject to approval by the International Executive Board.

To say the above quoted section of the International Constitution vests in the International President the power to revoke district or sub-district charters and create self-constituted "provisional governments" in self-supporting districts or subdistricts and thereby automatically remove from their official positions men who have been duly elected by the rank and file in the respective divisions and to then appoint men of his personal choice to function in their stead is to read into the law language that is not there, and is to disregard and to deny other sections of the same constitution and which provide for the reverse of what is attempted.

When other sections of the International Constitution are considered one must indeed distort Section No. 2, Article No. 3 to find warrant for the exercise of such autocratic action. One must, by distortion, breathe into said Article, powers that are not therein recognized and that was not intended by the framers of the Constitution and that would be foreign to the principles of democracy and abhorrent to those in whom rests the right of self-government.

It would be aberrant reasoning not to differentiate between newly and sparsely organized immature districts or sub-districts without the means to properly function, and long organized self-supporting and properly functioning districts or sub-districts in trying to arrive at a just determination of this controversy.

Though substantial reasons may be advanced in support of such dictatorial action where a district or a sub-district is still in the initial stage of formation of small

membership and still dependent on the financial support of the International Union, no valid reason can be adduced in support of such action where these branches are perfectly organized, self-supporting and independent of outside aid from any source.

To take such action in the latter instance is to arrogate power not granted and that in fact is denied and is a high-handed and unconstitutional attempt to gain, by circumvention and illegal practice some desired end that cannot be attained by adherence to other specific and regulative provisions of the International Constitution.

Admitting that the aforesaid Section No. 2, Article No. 3, does vest in the International President the right to revoke district and sub-district charters, certainly said Section does not, either by written word or by implication, empower him to go beyond the act of revocation and also tear down properly constituted governments, unceremoniously remove duly elected officers and to set up self-created "provisional governments" and to appoint self-selected officers to preside over them.

There is no reason why the International President should have such wide autocratic power and the enactment International Convention never intended that he should have such power.

X In fact the International Convention, which is the law-making body of the International Union, clearly defined the authority and power of the International President as to his right to remove or suspend from office and as to his right to appoint in Sections No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 of Article No. 9, International Constitution.

Said sections read as follows:

Section 3. "He may suspend or remove any International Officer appointed, employed or elected for insubordination or just and sufficient cause."

Section 4. "He may appoint a member"

whose duty shall be to collect and compile statistics on the production, distribution and consumption of coal and coke, freight rates, market conditions and any other matter that may be of benefit to the Organization. Said statisticians shall make a report to the regular convention."

Section No. 8. "He may appoint such organizers, field and office workers as may be necessary to conduct the affairs of the International Union."

Section No. 9. "He shall appoint from among properly elected delegates the committees necessary to transact the work of International Conventions, and instruct the Resolutions, Constitution and Grievance Committees to meet at headquarters sufficiently early to enable them to be prepared to render at least a partial report on the first day the Convention convenes. But if a Convention is to consider charges regularly filed, against the President, the Grievance Committee shall be elected by the Convention."

Section No. 10. "He shall appoint, subject to the approval of the International Executive Board, one or more competent Traveling Auditors, said appointment to be agreed upon by the District and International Union. Said Traveling Auditors shall examine the accounts of all local unions at least once every year and assist in establishing a uniform system of bookkeeping in the local unions. Should such audits develop any irregularities, those responsible for the same shall be penalized as hereinafter provided. The Traveling Auditors so appointed shall submit a correct report of their findings to the International District and Sub-District officers, and shall also forward a copy of the same to the